

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MISS RECREATION PAGEANT
OFFICIAL RULES and GUIDELINES**

Purpose

The San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department is looking for a poised, talented and well spoken young lady who will best represent the youth of San Antonio. This special young lady will speak at various ceremonies and special events on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department. She will be a role model for the youth in the community and encourage others to get involved in recreational activities sponsored through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Applicant Rules

1. Contestants must be duly registered as a full-time student in an accredited school such as a secondary school or institute of higher learning such as a college or university.
2. Contestants must be between the ages of 13 years through 18 years of age. Contestants must be at least thirteen (13) years of age by the application deadline and may not have reached their nineteenth (19) birthday on or before the **Pageant Final, April 15, 2005**.
3. Contestant must:
Reside within the City Limits of San Antonio
4. The pageant is open to all single girls. A contestant who has ever been married or has had a child or children are not eligible to compete or reign as "Miss Recreation".
5. *All contestants* must have completed an "**Official Miss Recreation Pageant Application**" and submit ***copies of their birth certificates with their applications***. The deadline to submit an application is **Friday, December 17, 2005**. Applications may be mailed or delivered in person to the Catholic Life Insurance Building, 1635 N.W. Loop 410, Suite 700.
6. Contestant *must write and submit a typed 250-word essay* on the statement: "***Recreation ...the benefits are endless***". The essay must include ***a resource page citing sources used in the essay and a signed plagiarism clause***. The essay can be from personal experience, from the standpoint of the community as a whole, or on environmental issues.
7. **Community Service Hours**-Contestant should list each organization for which they have served with the total hours served for each. Attach verification from each organization with the application.

8. *Failure to complete all the components of the application package will result in disqualification*
9. Talent may be in the following categories: Any acceptable dance form, instrumental, vocal, baton, cheerleading, acrobatics or gymnastics, roller skating, dramatic interpretation, magic arts, puppetry, original art exhibit with narration, poetry reading, recitation and ventriloquism. **A recording with a vocal may not be used as an accompaniment for vocalist (No Lip-synching).** No backup singers or dancers are allowed to participate with the contestant.
10. All routines can be one, two or two and one half minutes. However, routines cannot exceed **TWO AND ONE HALF (2 ½) MINUTES**. Information regarding any special technical requirements must be given to the Special Programs staff by Mon. Feb 28, 2005.
11. All routines, costumes and music should be appropriate and in good taste and are subject to the approval of the Special Programs staff. Any contestant who is dressed inappropriately will be disqualified.
12. Tie will only be broken for contestants in the top three placements (2nd runner-up, 1st runner-up and winner). All other ties will stand, as they do not factor in placement, awards or any other gift. Judge #1 will be the designated deciding judge. In the event of a tie, the process of breaking that tie is as follows:
 - A. Judge #1 will look at Essay scores only.
 - B. Contestant with highest essay score will be awarded one (1) point to break the tie.

Miss Recreation Finals

Essay semifinalists agree to attend all scheduled rehearsals for the Miss Recreation Pageant Finals. If a contestant fails to attend **two of the mandatory** rehearsals, the contestant will be removed from the Pageant Finals. The rehearsals are currently scheduled for: **Feb. 7th, 14th, 22nd, 28th, Mar. 7th, 21st, 28th, Apr. 4th, 11th, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

1. *Other Mandatory Dates:

Orientation	Feb. 1, 2005	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Interviews	Feb. 5, 2005	9:30 a.m.
Photo Shoot	March 6, 2005	12 noon
Dress Rehearsal	Apr. 14, 2005	5:00-10:00 pm
Pageant	Apr. 15, 2005	6:00-10:00 pm

***Dates are subject to change**

2. Full length gowns must be worn during the formal presentation of the Miss Recreation Finals.
3. **Awards –**
 - a. **Miss Recreation** – will be crowned at the pageant. The crowned Miss Recreation will receive \$1000 educational scholarship.

- b. **1st Runner-up** – 1st Runner-up will receive a \$500 educational scholarship. The 1st Runner-up will also be crowned Miss Recreation, if the crowned Miss Recreation becomes disqualified or can no longer *perform* her duties as Miss Recreation.
- c. **2nd Runner-up** – 2nd Runner-up will receive a \$350 educational scholarship.
- d. **Scholarship winners** - all scholarship winners have a deadline of June 30, 2005 to secure their 529 accounts with a established banking institution or credit union. Failure to adhere to the deadline will result in a forfeiture of the scholarship funds.
- e. **Most Congenial** – Each contestant will vote for one of the other finalists whom she feels has been the friendliest and most helpful. Ballots will be collected and presented to the Tabulator for count. The announcement of the winner for this coveted award will be made at the Pageant and the winner will receive a trophy on the night of the Pageant.
- f. **Most Talented** - The contestant named the “Most Talented” will be the contestant who accumulates the most points on her talent performance. The name of the winner selected as “Most Talented” will be announced the night of the Pageant and will be presented a trophy.
- g. **Appearances** - Miss Recreation may not appear at any outside function or event as Miss Recreation without the permission of the Special Programs Superintendent.

4. **Upcoming Special Programs Events**

Miss Recreation will be required to represent the department at several special events and ceremonies throughout the year. Some of these appearances are mandatory:

Fiesta Battle of Flowers Parade	Friday, April 22, 2005
(4) Our Part of Town Talent Shows	June through October 2005
<i>(dates to be determined)</i>	
Holiday River Parade	Friday, November 25, 2005
<i>National Parks and Recreation Month event in July, date to be determined</i>	
<i>Miss Recreation Pageant in April 2006 (to crown successor)</i>	

Appearances at groundbreakings, ribbon-cuttings and other ceremonies will be determined by the Special Programs Superintendent with consideration for Miss Recreation’s schedule.

- 5. Those things not covered in the above Miss Recreation Rules will be at the discretion of the Special Programs Superintendent. Call (210) 207-3115 for any additional questions regarding this pageant.